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### Office Action Summary

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**Applicant(s)**

DUNKEL ET AL.

**Examiner**

JENNIFER Y. CHO

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 July 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3 and 5-7 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/ISD)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/10/08

### **Detailed Action**

This office action is in response to Applicant's communication filed on 7/16/08.

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. Claims 3, 5-7 are withdrawn from consideration being drawn to the non-elected invention.

The 35 USC 112 second paragraph rejection has been withdrawn. The applicant has amended the claimed language to overcome the rejection.

### **IDS**

The information disclosure statement (IDS) filed on 4/10/08 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statements are being considered by the examiner.

### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC 103**

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

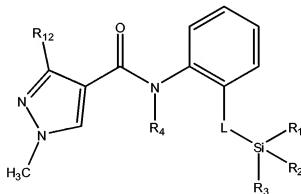
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The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 1-2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ehrenfreund et al. (WO 03/080628).

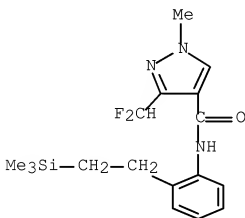
The instant claims are drawn to a pyrazole silylated carboxamides of formula (I), in which A is the radical of the formula (A2), and their compositions with extenders and/or surfactants, with the following base structure:



Ehrenfreund et al. teaches a pyrazole silylated carboxamides and their compositions with surfactants (page 8, last paragraph; page 9, first two lines), with the base structure as shown in the abstract for the compound of formula (I). Ehrenfreund et al. also teaches the following structure (page 7, table A, compound A.45; page 17,

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Table F), with the only difference that a difluoromethyl group is replaced with the chlorine or iodine of Applicant's claims. However, Ehrenfreund et al. also teaches that the heterocyclic ring can be substituted with halogens, including chlorine or iodine (page 1, lines 5-7; page 2, line 1-2, 4).



Ehrenfreund et al. is deficient in that it does not exemplify Applicant's particular silylated carboxamides.

However, it would be prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention, to determine the appropriate chemical constituents from Ehrenfreund et al.'s genus structural limitations, to arrive at Applicant's compounds. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to choose halogen substituents for the heterocyclic ring, particularly since Ehrenfreund et al. teaches the heterocyclic ring can be substituted with halogens, with the reasonable expectation that the compounds would be useful as fungicides and microbiocides. Absent any showing

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of unusual and/or unexpected results over Applicant's particular compound, the art obtains the same silylated carboxamide structure. The expected result would be the efficient production of silylated carboxamide derivatives for the fungicidal and microbiocidal industry.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer Y. Cho whose telephone number is (571) 272 6246. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 AM - 6 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler can be reached on (571) 272 0871. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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